

What is claimed is:

1. A wide-band array antenna comprising:

$N \times M$  antenna elements, and

multipliers connected to each said antenna

element, each having a real-valued coefficient, wherein

assuming that said elements are placed at

distances of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  in the directions of  $N$  and  $M$ ,

respectively, the coefficient of each multiplier is  $C_{nm}$ ,

and by defining two variables as  $v = \omega d_1 \sin \theta / c$ , and

$u = \omega d_2 \cos \theta / c$ , the response of said array antenna can be given as:

$$H(u, v) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M C_{nm} e^{j(n-1)v} e^{-j(m-1)u} \quad (5)$$

by appropriately selecting points  $(u_{01}, v_{01})$  on the  $u$ - $v$  plane according to a predetermined angle of beam pattern and the center frequency of a predetermined frequency band, the elements  $b_i$  of an auxiliary vector  $B = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_L]$  ( $L \ll N \times M$ ) can be calculated and the coefficient  $C_{nm}$  of each said multiplier corresponding to each antenna element can be calculated as follows

$$C_{nm} = \sum_{l=1}^L G_a^{-1} b_l e^{-j(n-1)v_{01}} e^{j(m-1)u_{01}} \quad (17)$$

2. A wide-band array antenna as set forth in claim

1, wherein

said each antenna element has a frequency

dependent gain which is the same for all elements.

3. A wide-band array antenna as set forth in claim 1, wherein

the gain of the antenna element has a predetermined value at a predetermined frequency band including the center frequency and at a predetermined angle.

4. A wide-band array antenna as set forth in claim 1, further comprises

an adder for adding the output signals from said multipliers.

5. A wide-band array antenna as set forth in claim 1, wherein

a signal to be sent is input to said multipliers and the output signal of each said multiplier is applied to the corresponding antenna element.

6. A wide-band array antenna as set forth in claim 1, wherein

said selected points ( $u_{01}$ ,  $v_{01}$ ) on the u-v plane for computing the elements of said auxiliary vector B are symmetrically distributed on the u-v plane.